Rama Varmha Tampuran .—Government do not think that any public purpose, commensurate with the time and labour spent, will be served by furnishing the information.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—If some of the Judges of the Chief Court show partiality to some vakils.....

President.—The Member cannot make any speech now. He may ask any supplementary question.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I am coming to my question, Sir.

President.—Then it seems a very involved one.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—This is my question. If some of the Judges of the Chief Court show some partiality to some vakils .....

President.—It is a hypothetical question and it cannot be allowed.

Annual Examination in the Lower Secondary and High School classes and promotions.

19. Mr. P. Raman Menon .—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the rules governing the promotion of pupils in the various classes are uniform in all the Government as well as aided schools of the State or are they left to the discretion of the Headmasters of those various schools;

(b) whether the lists for promotions are sent to the Inspectors of Schools for their approval;

(c) whether the Inspectors keep any uniform rule with regard to the approval of promotions in the various schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon .—(a) Yes; the latter part of the question does not arise.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Inspecting Officers are guided by Article 15 (4), Cochin Education Code, in approving the promotion lists.

20. Mr. P. Raman Menon .—Will the Government be pleased to state whether pupils of equal capacity in earning marks in the different subjects fare differently with regard to promotions in different schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Promotions are not determined solely by taking the marks earned by pupils of equal capacity in the different subjects. According to Article 15 (4) C. E. C., no pupil shall ordinarily be promoted who has not gained at least 40 per cent of the total number of marks both in English and Malayalam and 33 1/3 per cent in each of the other subjects.

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in the annual examination. The annual examination, however, shall not be the only test for promotion from one class to another. The general progress of the pupil during the year, as judged by school work, occasional tests, etc., shall li kewise be taken into account in determining promotion.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Sir, has my question been answered? You have given the qualification for promotion. But my question was whether pupils of equal capacity in earning marks in the different subjects fare differently with regard to promotions in different schools? Is there any uniform rule that pupils securing so many marks in particular subjects will be promoted or if they fail to secure such percentage of marks they will be detained? Is that observed throughout the State in all schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, the answer furnished is the quotation of article 15 (4) and what is given there is simply an extract from the Code rules. Of course it was under the presumption that this was an answer to the question that it was given. If there is anything to be elucidated, I will do so.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—My question was, suppose a student fails to secure the required number of marks in one subject and he is promoted in one school, will you find another student with the same number of marks detained in another school under the same circumstances? That is my question. Whether there is a uniform rule with regard to the promotion in all the schools and whether the rule is observed in all cases?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, the answer furnished is that the marks of the annual examination are not the only test. It may be that in the case of one school a pupil who has secured only below 40% in the languages is promoted because he or she might have shown considerable progress throughout the school year, whereas in a different school or a different pupil the same progress may not have been shown. The result is, there is a uniformity of principle throughout. But you cannot have uniformity of progress in the case of two pupils. The principle is uniform but the circumstances vary. Marks are not the sole condition on which promotions are made.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—What meant was tangible things. Marks, either in the annual examination or in the half-yearly examination and the number of attendance all these things can be seen. But there are other things which we cannot see. Whether the marks secured by the pupil in the annual examination or other examinations, will they be a criterion for promotion?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—They will not form the sole criterion. There will be some other circumstances which will be taken into consideration. The progress of the pupil apart from the actual marks obtained in the examinations will also be taken into account.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—If a pupil has passed in all subjects in the annual examination, then that boy will be promoted?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—He will certainly be promoted.

Complaint from guardians—Promotion.

21. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there are complaints received from guardians of pupils about unequal treatment in the matter of promotions in the T. D. High School, Cochin;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action the Government has taken in this matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— (a) There was a complaint from the guardian of a pupil.

(b) The request to promote his ward was not granted as the pupil failed miserably in Arithmetic, in all the three terminal examinations and in Elementary Science in the annual examination.

Lease of a house—quarters for M. L. C s.

22. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the house of Mr. P. I. Varugis, the retired Chief Judge of Cochin, has been acquired or taken on lease by Government; and if so, on what terms;

(b) for what purpose is it done;

(c) what was the amount for which the house was purchased by Mr. Varugis and how much was spent by him for improvement;

(d) whether Mr. Varugis has any other house in Ernakulam or any immovable property in Cochin?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The house is taken on lease on a monthly rent of Rs. 70.

(b) To provide quarters for L. C. Members in times of Council Sessions and at other times to accommodate State Guests.

(c) and (d). Government have no information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what rent was given to this house before it was purchased by Mr. Varugis?

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